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Dr. Michael Friedman M.D., Commissioner U.S. Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch, Room 1-23 12420 Parklawn Drive Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CPI

I am writing to ask that you support this petition.

Classifying meat from downers as adulterated would certainly be a step forward in assuring consumer's welfare since meat from one diseased cow can contaminate mass-processed meat. This would also stop the prolonged suffering of downed animals since such a classification would force owners to put these sick animals down rather than forcing them on a journey to the slaughter house.

Thank you for giving this request consideration.

Very truly yours.

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